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TO: Board Of Education

FROM: Policy Committee

DATE: September 8, 2020

SUBJECT: Committee meeting – August 27, 2020

Policy 7:50 (School Admission and Student Transfer To and From Non District Schools)

Felicia Starks Turner updated the committee about a concern being expressed by parents of 6 year old students. She reported that some parents are expressing interest in placing their children in Kindergarten. Starks Turner is working with legal to consider changing Policy 7:50 (School Admission and Student Transfer To and From Non District Schools), and make sure that it aligns with the equity policy. She will have a draft policy for the Committee to review by September 15, 2020. The committee also reviewed a draft message to the community on this topic and discussed the process in which the message should be released.

Policy 6:280 (Grading and Promotion)

Eboney Lofton explained that Policy 6:280 is silent on retention. She is asking administration to think about the data, and the social and emotional supports that are available for a student before considering retention. Lofton asked the committee to include wording in the policy that states that the district does not support retention, especially in the early grades. The committee expressed interest in having legal review the policy and draft suggested changes.

PRESS Update 104

The committee reviewed the PRESS Update 104 recommended changes, and identified responses to the questions asked by PRESS for policies 4:180, 7:190 and 7:345. The committee agreed to submit these recommendations to the board for first reading on September 8, 2020 and approval on September 22, 2020.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on September 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Topics will include;

- Policy 7:50 revisions
- Policy 6:280 revisions
- PRESS Update 105